



Prince of Wales Chamber of Commerce
Chamber POWER
“Working Together for Progress”
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1. Website factoids for the month of SEPTEMBER!

SEPTEMBER's web hits through September 30th were a whopping 716,267! September's total visits were 10,519. Behind the USA, the Russian Federation (46), Brazil (18) and Romania (17) were the countries with the most visitors. Monday was the most active day, and 6 to 7PM was the most active time of day. Google was the top search engine used to find us with about 82 percent!



2. CHAMBER POWER: Thanks to the following sponsors of this month's Newsletter.

JS Warehouse and Builder's Supply--Craig / 907-826-3632 / fax 907-826-2988 Featuring True Value hardware and paint product line with lumber and building products along with general storage, mini-storage and RV court and parking. Also a maintenance shop with steel and iron supply.

Tongass Business Center – Ketchikan / 618 Dock St. / Ketchikan, AK 99901 / 1-800-478-9015 / 907-225-9015 / Fax 907-225-9014 / Catalog now on-line at www.tbcenter.com. Office Equipment & Supply, Sharp Copiers & Faxes, Printing & Binding, Newsletters, Office Furniture.

Islandwolf Furs P.O. Box 418. Craig, AK. 99921/ Dugout@aptalaska.net/ (907) 826-2172 Fax same # / I seal and prepare Bear hides for shipping. I also do Taxidermy work on Deer, Bear & Wolf mounts.

First Bank – Craig / 907-826-3254 / fax 907-826-3910 / www.firstbankak.com / Lynnette Logan, manager. A full service community bank offering checking, savings and time deposit accounts; consumer, commercial, construction, and home loans; and online banking services. ATMs located at First Bank and at West Wind Plaza in Craig.

Arrowhead Transfer, Inc—Craig/ 826-3419/Mike Zellhuber, manager/www.shipaml.com/Local and Long distance hauling and moving. Agent for Alaska Marine Lines weekly barge, heated mini storage. Packing cartons for sale

Log Cabin Sporting Goods—Craig / Tim and Melissa Lacour, owners / logcabinsports@aptalaska.net / 907-826-2205 / The Island's only outdoor specialty store, featuring camping, hunting, and fishing supplies. The finest in outdoor apparel. Special orders welcome

My Desire Flower Shop—Craig/826-5445/Jacqueline Vaughan, owner/ Diorgrace2@hotmail.com/ Flower Bouquets & Arrangements for all occasions. Chocolates, Yarn, Furniture & Housewares, from Italy & France. Italian, Filipino & American Coffees, Bags, Purses, Sachets, Placemats, Tablecloths & Computer Bags from Italy & France. Your One-Stop Shop for Luxury!

Black Bear Store—Klawock/907-755-2292 / Sandra and Elvin Scott, Owners/ otis@aptalaska.net / Basic groceries. Fuel. Hunting and Fishing licenses and tackle.

Diversified Investments & Insurance – Ketchikan/ 907-225-9805 / Angela C Salazar, CFP & Associates / Health & Life Insurance and Financial Advisory Services – Securities sold through KMS Financial Services, Inc. We have been serving Alaskan's needs since 1980.

3. From the President's Desk:

"The most important political office is that of the private citizen." Great words by Louis Brandeis for us to ponder as we approach the most important national election of this decade. Please exercise your most important right as a US citizen, and VOTE on November 4th.

The office tasks surround the annual membership campaign and the early stages of the Island Guide production. I say "early", but it's a short season and we could use all the help you have to offer to come out with an Island Guide that surpasses the last one. Most importantly, please return your paperwork so as not to hold up the new Island Guide production.

The Chamber responded to a request to help out with one of the luncheons for the many people who attended the exciting events included in the return of the 10,000 year old bones to their final resting place on Prince of Wales Island. Congratulations to the Native organizations and Forest Service who coordinated the events and the many presentations that entertained and enlightened the audiences.

Special thanks to Denise Daniels, Dan, John Moots, Jan Storbachen, Jan Stevens, Terry Metcalf from Port Protection for their help with the pasta on Friday night and



all the hours of work on Saturday. A huge thanks to the incomparable Tina Mackie for her leadership and skills in the kitchen as she rescued us from tasks that grew larger than anticipated!!

We still need help with a sign for the office location in Klawock. If anyone wants to offer help, artistic talent, or ideas, please don't hesitate to step forward, stop by or call me!

Our annual elections are coming up fast, and we are looking for a few good men and women to serve on the Board of Directors for two years. Please consider joining us and lending your talent to help grow Prince of Wales. We need a letter of interest and a biographical sketch that introduces you to the membership and places your name on the ballot. Voting takes place at the beginning of November. Terms begin in November at the regularly scheduled meeting. An annual work session is held in December or January to get the year started.

4. POWCAC meeting held in Craig

A well attended POWCAC meeting was held on Tuesday, September 23rd in the council chambers at Craig City Hall. Representatives from most of the island communities were in attendance. Jan Bush and John Moots were in attendance to represent the Chamber.

Agenda items included some important projects for POW: The POW Line Extension and Reynolds Creek electric projects, solid waste management. Updates on TLMP revisions and the appeal of the LBC annexation approval were on the agenda as well. The next POWCAC meeting will be hosted by Klawock on November 18th.

POWCAC is supporting the efforts of Alaska Power and Telephone for funding from the Renewable Energy Grant Program for the two electricity projects, both of which have many benefits for POW Island residents by reducing dependence on diesel-generated electricity.

2009 MEMBERSHIP AND ISLAND GUIDE NEWS

5. 2009 MEMBERSHIP GOAL: 200

October 1st is the first day of the Membership Year. As of this date, 92 businesses and individuals have returned their renewal or new membership applications. Please get yours in the mail today!

6. Chamber membership is an advertising bargain.....worth repeating!

Advertising benefits is one of the best reasons to join the Chamber of Commerce. A membership comes with a free listing in the new Island Guide and on the Chamber website where it appears in two locations. The Island Guide's 20,000 copies make their way into the hands of most of the island's visitors. "It truly is a guide to getting here, and leads people to your door once they reach our shores," proclaims Jan Bush, current Chamber president. Visitors from all over the world send their requests for the Guide via email. It is available at most ports of entry in Ketchikan, as well as the Visitor Center and Ferry terminals in Bellingham, Washington, Wrangell and Petersburg. Many of our members distribute them at shows in the lower 48 or mail them to clients.

Visitors stop at the Chamber office in Klawock to pick them up, or they find them in the ferry and airline terminals. They love the center page map, and use the business directory to find essential services as well as locally made products to take home with them or send to their family and friends.

Thanks to the efforts of Chamber office manager Denise Daniels, the website is kept up to date with changes in listings as they are sent in by members throughout the year.

The Website now has a Classified Ad section, a free service to Chamber members who want to advertise their specials, look for a new hire, or even sell their business.

The Prince of Wales Chamber of Commerce operates on membership and advertising revenue. With some fundraising necessary to balance the budget, the Chamber has been able to

employ a full time Office Manager who acts as a business representative for all of the membership. Chamber President Jan Bush lauds the efforts of Denise Daniels in disseminating information about our island and her own personal efforts to get to know each of the Island communities through trips and experiencing what each has to offer. Denise always has a supply of Island Guides with her on her adventures on and off the island.

7. SECOND ROUND OF PREMIUM AD DRAWINGS TO BE HELD OCTOBER 3RD.

A new ad will appear on the back of the 2009 Island Guide as a result of a drawing held on September 16th.

The inside front cover has a remaining space for a quarter page ad. All those who applied for a ¼ page ad in the 2009 Island Guide and returned their membership and ad contracts to the office by October 1st will have a chance to be located on the inside front cover with the three ¼ page premium advertisers who have secured their space as a result of their uncontested submittal for this space by the September 15th early deadline.

Drawings for the inside back cover will also be held: one each of ½ page and ¼ page ads, and two of the returned 1/8 page ads. Members who returned their membership and ad contracts by October 1st will be placed in this drawing for these premium spots.

8. SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE REPORT

Prince Rupert was the location of the 2008 Fall meeting of Southeast Conference held September 16-18th. The 2009 Fall meeting will be held in Haines. Following is information taken from the Southeast Conference website, where you can also find a list of the presentations featured at this year's conference. Many of them concerned ongoing projects here on POW. The Chamber is a member of the Conference, and although our budget and time constraints kept us from sending our own representative, our Island was represented well by many from our communities.

The Southeast Conference website contains a list and adobe files of the presentations that were made.

“The mission of Southeast Conference is to undertake and support activities that promote strong economies, healthy communities, and a quality environment in Southeast Alaska.

Southeast Conference was formed in 1958 as an association of communities joined to advocate for establishment of the Alaska Marine Highway System. While our commitment to its development and efficient operation continues, Southeast Conference has greatly expanded both its membership base and its overall mission.

Today, Southeast Conference is a regional, nonprofit corporation that advances the collective interests of the people, communities and businesses in southeast Alaska. Members include municipalities, Native corporations and village councils, regional and local businesses, civic organizations and individuals from throughout the region.

Southeast Conference is the State-designated Alaska Regional Development Organization (ARDOR), the federally-designated Economic Development District (EDD), and the federally-designated Resource Conservation and Development Council (RC&D) for Southeast Alaska. Each

of these designations requires Southeast Conference to take an active role in regional resource management and economic development planning.”

9. Our Newest Members

Congratulations to our newest members! Thanks to them and all our renewing members for your support of the Chamber and for growing Prince of Wales Island.

**ALASKA LASER MAID, THORNE BAY
TAAT’S ART AND DESIGN, KLAWOCK
COFFMAN COVE ADVENTURES, COFFMAN COVE
EDNA BAY COMMUNITY
ROOM WITH A VIEW, COFFMAN COVE
GREGG’S HUNTING AND FISHING, NAUKATI
MIA BELLA’S GOURMET CANDLES, CRAIG
THORNE BAY BOAT WORKS, THORNE BAY
WELCHMAN LONGBOW CABIN, WHALE PASS**

10. OCTOBER 2008 BOARD MEETING

The OCTOBER Board meeting will take place Thursday the 9TH at the Chamber office, at 6pm. All are welcome to attend. One of the items to be discussed at the meeting is the future of the Fair and Logging Show as an event sponsored by the Chamber. In order for that to happen, it will be necessary for other people to step forward to lead the organizing committee for this event.



11. ISLAND GUIDE APPEAL FOR PICTURES

Please take a look at your Pictures and consider what would look good in the 2009 Island Guide. We are looking for the WOW photo for the front cover. Get your best photos together and submit them in their original forms on a CD and bring them in for consideration.

12. BUSINESS HAPPENINGS: *Where oh where is your news to share??*

This space is begging for content this month, as the editor did not have time to plead for news. Your news is welcome here! Please submit your good news, new hours, inventory additions, and anything else you want your business colleagues to know about your business.

13. BOARD ELECTIONS

Board elections are fast approaching. Six spots will be filled on the board and we need you! Those board members whose terms are over this year are Jan Bush, John Bruns, John Moots, Jim Seley, Carolyn Chapman, and Budd Burnett. Either John Bruns or Jan Bush will be the seated Past President.

Please call the office if you are interested in being considered or email a letter of interest and a biographical sketch introduction to include with the ballot. Please respond by October 15th.

The term of service for this year’s elected directors will end in November 2010.

Ballots will be emailed, faxed or sent at the beginning of November.

14. ISLAND GRIND ON OCTOBER 4TH: Enchanted Forest

Saturday, OCTOBER 4th is the day, 7PM is the time, and the Craig High School auditorium is the place.

Buy tickets at **Wheelhouse Coffee Roasters, formerly Voyageur Bookstore**, in Craig or reserve tickets by calling 755-8899. Admission cost is Adults \$5, Students \$3, Children ages 6 & under \$1, and Seniors \$3 (ages 60+). Bring a homemade dessert for the Dessert Contest and your ticket will be refunded.

Volunteers to support the show are welcome. Entertainers interested in performing should call John Bruns or Sally Burch at 755-8899 for more information.

15. Board of Directors, seeking your ongoing support for Prince of Wales!

President- Jan Bush, *B-3 Contractors* belle@aptalaska.net

Past President- John Bruns, *Prince of Wales Hatchery Association* powha@aptalaska.net

Vice-President - Karen Cleary, *Cleary Computer Services* kcleary@clearycomputerservices.com

Treasurer- Carolyn Chapman, *IFA* cchapman@interislandferry.com

Director- John Moots, *Alaska Power and Telephone* john.m@aptalaska.com

Director- Jim Seley, *JS Warehouse & Builders Supply* jseley@aptalaska.net

Director- Budd Burnett, *Hollis Community Council* dbld@aptalaska.net

Director- Kim Swainson, *Tongass Federal Credit Union*, tfcu@aptalaska.net

Office Manager- Denise Daniels

October Newsletter editor: Jan Bush

If you have an event to add to the website calendar, Call, email or fax Denise in the office today....

